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SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 3, 2001, please consider the
following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Twice Amended) The connector as recited in claim [11] 22 wherein the bar
code extends circumferentially around the identifier.

Please add claim 22 as follows:

--22. (New) A connector adapted to connect a storage container for solution
ingredients, the connector being disposed adjacent an outlet of the storage container and
comprising an identifier, the identifier comprising a bar code, the identifier indicating a type
and quantity of the solution ingredients, the identifier being arranged to indicate a position of
the connector to determine incomplete connection, wherein the bar code indicates a pattern
when the connection is complete, and a different pattern when the connection is incomplete.--